

CONGRATULATING GEORGE A.  
CASTRO II

### HON. ALBIO SIREs

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2007*

Mr. SIREs. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of George A. Castro II, a community leader and businessman, who is being recognized at the Hispanic Law Enforcement Association of Union County 2007 Annual Gala. His rags to riches story is an inspiration to anyone who believes in the American dream; his dedication to the betterment of his community is an example of how one citizen can empower hundreds of others in the State of New Jersey, while enriching Union County's artistic and cultural heritage.

Mr. Castro came to the United States from Colombia in 1985—as he says—with a quarter in his back pocket. After acquiring his real estate license, Mr. Castro worked at an ERA office, producing \$27 million in sales in 2 years. His successes led him to create his own real estate venture: Countywide Realty. Later, he decided to join a national agency, opening Century 21 Atlantic Realtors, Inc., which has become one of the top sellers in the country.

Aware that with success comes responsibility, George A. Castro II became very active in his community, volunteering in social activities. Mr. Castro became president of the Hispanic American Association for Political Awareness, which promotes Latino political empowerment, leading numerous voter registration efforts. Later, he created its Hispanic American Political Action Committee, becoming one of the most influential Hispanics in New Jersey politics.

George A. Castro II has been appointed to numerous commissions such as the board of governors and board of trustees of Union County College, the Sports and Expositions Authority, and the Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension Fund, becoming vice chair of its State Investment Council. Currently, Mr. Castro serves as commissioner of the Elizabeth Zoning Board of Adjustment and as a member of the board of trustees of PROCEED.

In 1994, George purchased the historic Ritz Theater and Performing Arts Center, a veritable landmark of Elizabeth, New Jersey. The old Drake Opera House, as it was originally named when it was built in 1865, hosted luminaries such as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Dean Martin, Desi Arnaz, Bruce Springsteen, and Julio Iglesias. Mr. Castro has taken it upon himself to refurbish the 2,772-seat venue, making it possible for New Jersey residents to preserve an integral part of their cultural heritage for many years to come.

Please join me in congratulating George A. Castro II, as well as his lovely wife Leonor and his children George and Gabrielle for their contributions to Union County and for setting an example of the success that can be achieved in our great country.

CONGRATULATING CAMBRIDGE  
CITY, INDIANA AND REALLY  
COOL FOODS

### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2007*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, new jobs are always really cool, but especially yesterday for Cambridge City, Indiana. Really Cool Foods, based in New York, announced that Cambridge City will be the home of their national production and distribution center.

I am especially pleased that Really Cool Foods will invest \$100 million in the complex with the possibility of creating more than 1,000 new jobs.

Madam Speaker, the integrity and work ethic of the people in the greater Richmond area are a perfect fit for Really Cool Foods and I heartily welcome the company to eastern Indiana. This new company will bring new opportunities to Hoosier families in Wayne County.

I would also like to congratulate Cambridge City, Wayne County officials, and Governor Mitch Daniels who worked so hard to bring Really Cool Foods to eastern Indiana. It is because of their efforts to create a positive environment for business and the quality of the Hoosiers in Wayne County that we are able to welcome such a well respected business to Cambridge City, Indiana.

### RECOGNIZING THE WINGS OVER HOUSTON AIRSHOW

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2007*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, this week the House passed a resolution commending the Wings Over Houston Airshow for its contribution to the appreciation and understanding of the United States Armed Forces. I am pleased to show my support as a cosponsor of this resolution.

The Wings Over Houston Airshow has been educating and entertaining men, women, and children for the last 23 years. With 50,000–100,000 visitors each day, the air show is rated as one of the top five events of its kind in the county.

This weekend Wings Over Houston will hold its 23rd annual air show at Ellington Field. Spectators will have the opportunity to tour dozens of military and civilian aircraft on display at the field, including trainer planes, fighter planes, and bombers used in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. In addition, during the two-day event decorated war-heroes, flying aces, and veterans will be on site inspiring the youth of our country with their war stories of bravery and heroism.

In my former life, as a Houston, Texas felony court judge, I ordered probationers to do litter patrol after the air show. Cleaning up the airfields and infield was part of their community service.

I believe in the sense of patriotism that Wings Over Houston creates for our communities. I believe in the way it honors our veterans who have served this country faithfully

and wish them the best this weekend as they celebrate 23 years of educating Americans on the history of the United States Armed Forces. And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP SAMUEL L.  
CARRUTH OF PORTSMOUTH, VIR-  
GINIA

### HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 4, 2007*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a citizen of Portsmouth, Virginia, who has devoted his life to the work of God and helping his fellow man. Today I would like to pay tribute to Bishop Samuel L. Carruth of Holy Light Church of Deliverance in Portsmouth.

Bishop Carruth, the eleventh of thirteen children, aspired to be an FBI agent as a child before heeding the call to devote his life to preaching the Gospel. Bishop Carruth was educated in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he attended Benjamin Franklin High School and Temple University. He then served for 2 years as a staff sergeant in the United States Army.

Following his discharge from the Army, Bishop Carruth was stricken with tuberculosis in both lungs and hospitalized in East Orange, New Jersey. The doctor's prognosis was grim and the young Carruth suffered much weight loss and pain. Bishop Carruth credits his devotion to God to his full recovery from this horrible disease.

Shortly after his bout with tuberculosis, Bishop Carruth heeded the call of ministry and co-founded the Deliverance Evangelistic Church in Philadelphia with the late Reverend Benjamin Smith. He served as assistant pastor in that ministry and in the field of evangelism faithfully for 6 years. During this time, he also received a doctorate of divinity at Jamison Bible University.

In 1967, Bishop Carruth and his family left Philadelphia and moved to Portsmouth where he became pastor of the Holy Light Church of Deliverance, which at the time had a humble membership of 13 people. Within 6 months under Bishop Carruth's leadership, Holy Light Church's membership ballooned and became an overflowing powerhouse of activity. With this growth, the original church quickly outgrew its capacity. In 1968, Holy Light moved to a larger building in Portsmouth and expanded again in 1995. Their current facility can seat 1,000 and includes plenty of space for offices and classrooms.

For 40 years, Bishop Carruth has been leading God's charge and serving his community at Holy Light Church of Deliverance. Bishop Carruth has been a member of the Portsmouth Community Development Corporation and has launched numerous community outreach programs including the Adopt-a-School program with Emily Spong Elementary School, the Holy Light College of Bible, the Summer Camp for Youth, the Men's Community Breakfast, the HLC Telephone Ministry, and reading and tutorial programs to help at risk students succeed in school.

Even as one of the most active pastors in the Hampton Roads area, Bishop Carruth has still managed to have time for his lovely family. He and his wife of 53 years, Mary C.